

Specifically, the examiner contends that the recited term “at least two laminates are joined” is not described in the specification sufficiently to enable one of ordinary skill in the art to make the invention. The examiner further asserts that the “claims should be specific about a way how the two laminates are joined together to form a container to comply with the enablement requirement.” In this regard, Applicant submits that the examiner has asserted an incorrect standard for satisfaction of the enablement requirement. Additionally, Applicant submits that the specification clearly describes how the two, or more, laminates are joined and, thus, §112, first paragraph is satisfied.

In regard to the standard for satisfying the enablement requirement, it is well settled that the enablement requirement is satisfied if the patent specification teaches those skilled in the art how to make and use the full scope of the claimed invention without undue experimentation. 35 U.S.C. § 112 (2000); *Emergency Fuel, LLC v. Penzoil-Quaker State Co.*, 71 Fed. Appx. 826, 830 (Fed. Cir. 2003)(citing *Genentech, Inc. v. Novo Nordisk A/S*, 108 F.3d 1361, 1365 (Fed. Cir. 1997)). Thus, contrary to the examiner’s assertion, it is not necessary for the claim to be specific about how a particular claimed feature is carried out.

Moreover, in the present case, claims 6 and 8-11 satisfy the enablement requirement of §112, first paragraph, since the specification does, in fact, teach those of ordinary skill in the art how to join the two laminates claimed. For example, at page 10, lines 11-24, it is disclosed that the two laminates, each made of a polytetrafluorethylene (PTFE) porous film and a polyolefin porous film, are “bonded together by heat fusion or with an adhesive.” It is further disclosed that “[t]hermoplastic resins, such as polyethylene and polypropylene, can be used as an adhesive. Specifically, a sheet of the thermoplastic resin is interposed between the joint surfaces of the

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laminates, followed by hot pressing.” Additional enabling disclosure for the claimed joinder of the at least two laminates is found at page 11, lines 3-7 and lines 11-23.

Accordingly, joinder of at least two laminates is clearly disclosed in the specification and, moreover, the disclosure in the specification is sufficient to enable a skilled artisan to make and use the invention.

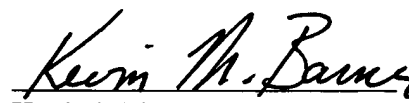
For at least this reason, Applicant submits that the rejection of claims 6 and 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, should be withdrawn and immediate allowance again be granted to the application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, the application is believed to be in form for immediate allowance with claims 6 and 8-11, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to **contact the undersigned** at the telephone number listed below.

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